



ALPHA STATE SCHOOL WEEKLY WATCH 2014

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am at the Principal Conference all week. Chanelle Goodwin is in charge while I am away. Chanelle has the authority of the principal position during this period. I believe we will have a week of learning and 'no drama' as our mantra says.

The car park at the rear of the school is designated a pedestrian and teacher car park area. Unfortunately, it cannot be used as a student drop off. Please drop students off at the front or rear curb side, thanks.

I have a new office and the 9/10/Dist Ed have a new learning area. Please come and visit these new locales within the school. The library has been moved to classrooms. In the last P & C meeting the proposal was put forward and supported along the lines of

- ◆ A fantastic opportunity to have a library in your child's classroom
- ◆ Having children borrow books to take home again
- ◆ This is about maximising the resources in the school
- ◆ The library gets used only 15 minutes a week on average. Sometimes 30 minutes. This is a massive waste of books and a classroom and is unacceptable
- ◆ Non-fiction research is done online. Students who require non-fiction books will be able to access the books in the classroom
- ◆ We are creating an area for 9/10 and distant learning and for our curriculum coordinator an office
- ◆ We are well on the way to transitioning to e-learning and digital books
- ◆ We are an e-learning school
- ◆ The future is in e-learning and digital not print
- ◆ The 9/10 students are energised about having an area
- ◆ All hours in a classroom are accounted for in

subject areas and no time is allocated to teachers to go to the library

- ◆ We still have in place and will action next term students joining the local and state library
- ◆ The move will be photo-documented to ensure grant money is used for its intended purpose of library books being used and borrowed

What would happen if the library stayed the same:

- * A classroom would not be used over 95% of the week
- * Books would be continued to be borrowed at rate that isn't quantifiable it would be so low

Any concerns or for further information please come and see me, thanks.

Curriculum

Teachers completed their planning meeting with Penny Rogers last week. This is an in-depth opportunity to ensure your child has a continuous learning and improvement journey Prep to year 10 at Alpha State School. In the meeting teachers go through their planning and assessment with Penny, we discuss whole school approaches and confirm that our practices meet a high standard. Each teacher values and engages really well with this process.

Teachers also had a data meeting with me last week. This checks, monitors and allows feedback on each child's progress and results in the school. We track our students weekly in numeracy and literacy, as well as, through our 5 week units of work. Once again, there was a lot to celebrate with the learning and results journey of students in our school and the work

teachers undertake to achieve those gains.

Behaviour expectations

We had an excellent week in terms of behaviour - in class, at transitions and in the playground. Thanks, to our students for making the effort to engage in school life so well!

We have a new award given at assembly. This is award is for students demonstrating grit. To the students we define grit as the ability to accept challenges and persist mentally and physically to achieve goals and success.

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please see me for any good news stories or items you would like to discuss.

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School mobile: 0427 158 456

Kind regards

Pete Stansfield

High School Hi-Jinx

Well the weeks sure do seem to go by quickly. Just another busy week in the new 9-10 room.

Last week I introduced the students to a new approach to learning called Whole Brain Training. I am explaining to the students that I am teaching them to become lean, mean learning machines. Really it is an extension of the Explicit Instruction method of teaching that we have been engaged in over the past 2 years. I am excited to be teaching this ways and from the brief exposure that the your child has had this week they seem happy to come along on this new journey in their learning. Basically this method requires the students to be enthusiastic and engaged in their own learning and teach each other the concepts that I have taught them. Stay tuned for further updates on this process.

Camp forms – If you have not already done so can

you please sign and return the CQ Uni camp forms so we can finalise numbers attending and book night activities.

Another reminder that students have mandated homework due each week:

- ✦ 100 minutes on Core 5
- ✦ 10-15 activities on Matholia
- ✦ Grammar worksheet on English Rules.

These are all due by Friday morning each week.



YR 7-8 CQ UNI Camp

Just a quick reminder that camp is on Monday 2nd June - bus departing at 7.30 am from the back of the school. Students also need to pack linen (Sheets, towels blanket/sleeping bag – please no swags).

Please also pay the \$33.50 cost so that your child can participate in the nightly activities. If you are having any difficulties paying this amount please contact me to make alternative arrangements so you child doesn't miss out.

Below is the program your child will be doing whilst on camp.

Springsure and Alpha Hero's Journey 2014 - Hero's Journey Program

Monday 2 June 2014

- 7.30 am Depart Alpha
- 10.00 am Depart Springsure
- 4.00 pm Arrive at Coolwaters
- 4.30-5.00 pm Allocation of room
- 5.30-6.30 pm Dinner
- 6.30-7.00 pm Drive to Rockhampton
- 7.00-9.30 pm Bowling, Laser tag and Dodgems
- 9.30-10.00 pm Lights Out

Tuesday 3 June 2014

- 7.30-8.15am BREAKFAST

Every child has a good day every day. | Every child matters every day.

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| 8.30 am | Assemble at bus and travel to CQ University |
| 9.00 am | Welcome to campus/country |
| 9.00-9.30 am | Campus Tour |
| 9.30-10.00 am | How to use equipment |
| 9.40-10.00 am | MORNING TEA BBQ AREA |
| 10.00-12.00 noon | Filming |
| 12.00-1.00 pm | LUNCH at the BBQ Area |
| 1.00-3.00 pm | Filming |
| 3.00-3.30 pm | Afternoon Tea- BBQ Area |
| 3.30-5.30 pm | Free time |
| 5.30-6.30 pm | DINNER |
| 7.00-9.30 pm | Movies |
| 10.00 pm | Lights Out |

Wednesday 3 June 2014

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| 7.30-8.15 am | BREAKFAST |
| 8.15-8.30am | Assemble at bus and travel to CQUniversity |
| 8.45-10.30 am | Editing |
| 10.30-10.45 am | MORNING TEA BBQ AREA |
| 10.45 am-12.30 pm | Editing |
| 12.30-1.00 pm | LUNCH at the BBQ Area |
| 1.00-2.15 pm | Editing |
| 2.15-3.00 pm | Wrap up of program-surveys |
| 3.00-3.30 pm | Afternoon Tea- BBQ Area |
| 3.30-6.00 pm | Shopping in Yeppoon and games at Cool Waters |
| 6.00-7.00 pm | DINNER |
| 7.00-9.30 pm | Free Time- packing |
| 10.00 pm | Lights Out |

Thursday 4 April 2014

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| 7.00-7.30 am | BREAKFAST |
| 7.45 am | Assemble 7.45 am to board bus |
| 5.30 pm approx | Travel from Rockhampton Springsure and Alpha |

Miss Hannah Clarke and Mrs Bernadette Ruthenberg are the supervisors for this camp. They will be taking the school phone and can be contacted on 0418 136 242.

If you have any questions please contact me

Have a splendid week!

Mrs Rogers ☺

Seven/Eight Classroom

Another week down and we are on the home stretch – only five weeks to go! Plenty of work still to be done though.

This week in English we are continuing to look at Memoirs and how to turn a simple memory into something extraordinary using a variety of different techniques. In Maths we are looking at shapes; their faces, edges and vertices and different types of angles – corresponding, alternate and co-interior. Ask the students which letters of the alphabet make the different angles.

For the majority of the Year 7/8 class they are off to visit the University in Rockhampton next week where they will be acting out the plays they wrote four weeks ago and filming them. They should have a terrific time and I look forward to hearing all about it when they return and seeing the completed videos later on in the year. For those who aren't attending it will be school as usual with normal classes still operating. ☺

Keep smiling.
Mrs Goodwin

DRAMA!

Students have been doing an exceptional job this term of stepping out of their comfort zones and exploring elements of drama such as language, space and mood. For drama assessments this term students will incorporate the use of our new iPads, using apps and programs to film, edit and enhance their work using the latest technology.

Miss Gray

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Cross Country has finally come and gone again for another year. It was a great day for the families, teachers and definitely the students. The students showed great determination and ran their hardest for their respected houses. Thank you to all parents, teachers and other community members for helping out on the day.

Nick Lingard

Results

Inter-House Shield

Yungi
Kabi

Inter-School Shield

Yungi
Jericho
Kabi

Age Champions

15 Girls: Chloe Dixon
15 Boys: Jordan Howard
14 Girls: Paige Stansfield
14 Boys: Baily Green
13 Girls: Pip McGuire
12 Girls: Giaan Green
12 Boys: Nathan Couchy
11 Girls: Chloe Trilford
11 Boys: Clay Gleeson
10 Girls: Gemma Howard
10 Boys: Myles Otto

Miss Clarke

P & C News

A note for parents -

Please be aware that you're not allowed to park in the school staff car park during drop off and pick up times to and from school. This issue was raised at our last P & C meeting.

Cathy Goodwin
P & C Secretary

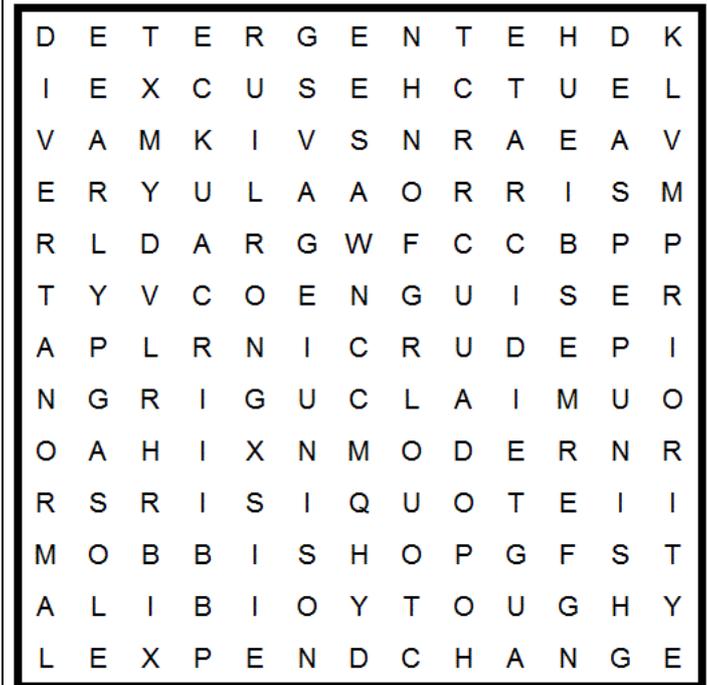
EMERALD ATHLETICS CH GAMES

Nominations are now open for Emerald Athletics C.H. Games - Track and Field Carnival at Marist College Oval on 21st/22nd June 2014.

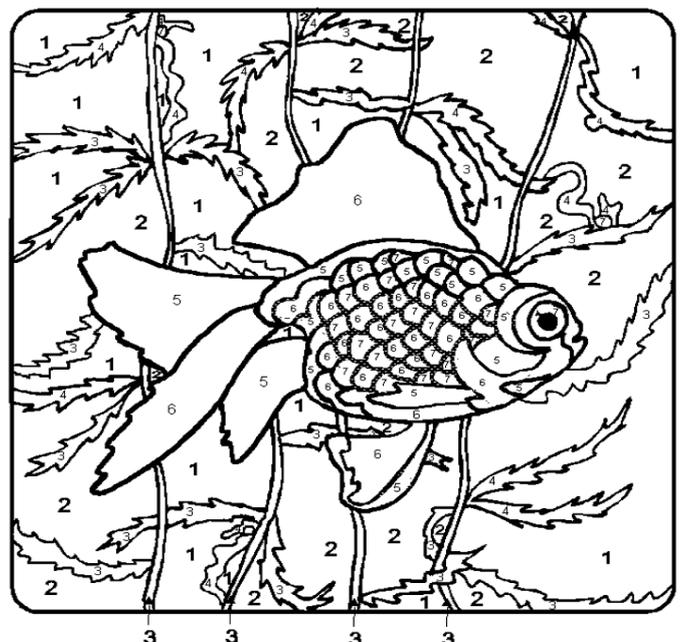
Nomination forms available on website www.emeraldathletics.org.au or contact Wayne Gakowski 4982 0746 for further details.

Nominations close 6th June 2014.

WORD SEARCH/COLOUR BY NUMBERS



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| arrogance | crucial | | prissy | |
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| 1 - dark blue | 4 - light green | 7 - yellow/gold |
| 2 - light blue | 5 - brown/copper | |
| 3 - dark green | 6 - orange/peach | |



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Weapons Licencing and Firearm Safety

We frequently receive inquiries into firearms safety and storage requirements. Attached is a brochure produced by the Weapons Licencing Branch that provides a quick guide to the obligations that firearm owners have. For more specific inquiries Weapons Licencing Branch can be contacted on 3015 7777 or you can research weapons licencing matters via the Queensland Police Service web site. The Weapons Act and Weapons Regulations are also available for viewing via the web site.

The Alpha Police Station counter hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.00 am and 12.00 pm when possible. **There will always be exceptions to this such as emergency callouts and other operational policing demands** (it may be prudent to phone in advance to make sure we are in the office).

Take care

Mick Lingard & Jason Robertson

IF A CRIME'S HAPPENING
RIGHT NOW, CALL
TRIPLE ZERO (000).

IF *NOT*, THINK
POLICELINK.
CALL 131 444.

FIREARMS STORAGE

Safeguard your firearms



Weapons Licensing (07) 30157777

Triple Zero (000)

For emergencies or life threatening situations

Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

A PERSON WHO POSSESSES A FIREARM MUST TAKE ALL REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE:

- Its safe storage; and
- That it is not stolen or lost; and
- That it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

Penalties of up to a \$10,000 fine or 2 years imprisonment apply under section 60 of the Weapons Act 1990 (Qld). A conviction for a weapons offence is a disqualifying offence for holding a firearm licence for 5 years.

Legislative requirements for Category A, B and C firearms storage

Section 60 of the Weapons Regulation 1996 (Qld) provides minimum requirements for safe storage of firearms.

For Category A, B and C firearms:

- The container must be of a rigid structure, made of either solid steel or solid timber;
- Rigid structure refers to the strength of the container and the use of reasonable force to the sides or top of the container should not result in deflections of the panel or the container
- The term solid, requires that the container panels are continuous (eg without venting/holes or perforation)
- The container must be either steel (aluminium/alloys are not compliant) or solid timber. Species of timber or structural and marine ply are compliant. Chipboard, particle board, MDF and plaster board are not compliant.
- If the container used for storing these firearms weighs less than 150kg, it must be securely fixed to the frame or floor of a permanent building;
- The container must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock;
- The container must be locked other than for the time to remove/replace firearms; and
- Firearms must be unloaded and the bolt must be removed or action broken for storage. The bolt is a major component part and is subject to same storage requirements as the firearm and can be stored with the firearm.

Ammunition must be stored in a secure container or secured area that is separate from the container that holds the firearms; for example a gun safe with an internal secured area for the ammunition (Section 85 and 86 of the Explosives Regulations 2003 (Qld)).

Legislative requirements for Category D, H or R firearms storage

Section 60 of the Weapons Regulation provides minimum requirements for safe keeping of Category D, H and R firearms including:

- The container must of a rigid structure, made of solid steel;
 - Be bolted to the frame or floor of a permanent building;
 - The container must have a sturdy combination lock, keyed lock or keyed padlock;
 - The container must be locked other than for the time to remove/replace firearm; and
 - Firearms must be unloaded and the action broken for storage
- Ammunition must be stored in a secure container or secured area that is separate from the container that holds the firearms; for example a gun safe with an internal secured area for the ammunition (Section 85 and 86 of the Explosives Regulations 2003 (Qld)).
- If more than 30 firearms are stored at the one premises (total firearms for all licensees), the firearms must be stored in accordance with Sections 39 to 43 of the Weapons Regulation.



Section 61 of the Weapons Regulation 1996 sets out the storage requirements when firearms are being transported on vehicles.

These requirements are summarised at <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/weaponslicensing/licenceApplication/storage/invehicles.htm>

Visit www.police.qld.gov.au/weaponslicensing for more information



SAFEGUARD YOUR FIREARMS

- ✓ **DO** comply with the safe storage requirements prescribed by the Qld firearms legislation
- ✓ **DO** store your firearm in a compliant locked container when not being used or carried
- ✓ **DO** store any ammunition for your firearm in a separate locked container
- ✓ **DO** take all reasonable precautions to ensure the firearm is kept safely, is not lost or stolen and does not come into the possession of an unauthorised person
- ✗ **DON'T** leave the keys to your firearms safe in a place that is easily accessible by intruders
- ✗ **DON'T** locate the safe where it can be accessed easily or in sight of intruders e.g. unlocked garage or shed
- ✗ **DON'T** leave power tools or other implements nearby which could be used to break into the safe
- ✗ **DON'T** leave a firearm lying around, loaded or unattended

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

A person who possesses a firearm must take all reasonable precautions to ensure:

- a. Its safe storage
- b. That it is not stolen or lost
- c. That it does not come into the possession of a person who is not authorised to possess the firearm.

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SAFETY COMES FIRST

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